

Remarks

Section 112 Second Paragraph Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under section 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner noted that claims 1 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome these section 112 rejections.

The points noted by the Examiner for the dependent claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been remedied in the amendments to these claims.

The Examiner stated that the use of the word "stabilize" in the independent claims 1 and 9 was unclear. Applicants' amendments have removed this phrase from the independent claims, since it is not required to define the invention.

The applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiners' rejection based on the use of word "thin" in the term "thin film." "Thin film" and "thin film disk" as used in applicants claims are well known terms art and, therefore, do not need to be further defined. Those skilled in the art would not find the term "thin film" or "thin film disk" to be unclear. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has mistakenly interpreted the word "thin" to be a relative and ambiguous term by taking it as a descriptive adjective rather than as part of the term of art.

Definitions of "thin film disks" can be found in many places including on the Internet. See for example

http://searchstorage.techtarget.com/sDefinition/0,,sid5_gci214498,00.html

Over 140,000 U.S. patents include the term "thin film" according the online search tools.

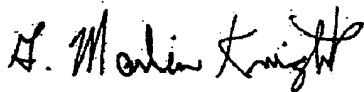
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Therefore, the applicants believe that the amendments to the claims have addressed all of the Examiner's points of rejection except for the one based on the use of "thin film" which the applicants respectfully assert is in error and should be withdrawn. Applicants, therefore, believe that all of the claims in application are now allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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